

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SEOUL 03286 220416Z

ACTION COME-00

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-06 EUR-12 EA-07 NEA-10 ISO-00
OES-06 ACDA-07 AGRE-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00
CIAE-00 DLOS-09 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-08 EPA-01
ERDA-05 FEAE-00 FMC-01 TRSE-00 H-01 INR-07 INT-05
IO-13 JUSE-00 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 NSF-01 OMB-01
PA-01 PM-04 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /155 W
-----221954Z 058143 /47

R 220328Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3412

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3286

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS CU

SUBJ: CUBAN FISHERY OFF AFRICA

REF: STATE 70238

1. WHILE THIS EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THE DIFFICULTY FACED BY NMFS IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON CUBAN AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRY FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF AFRICA, WE QUESTION (A) WHETHER KMIDC IS CAPABLE OF OBTAINING THE KIND OF RELIABLE INFORMATION DESIRED, AND (B) WHETHER THE ROKG WOULD BE DISPOSED TO PERMIT ONE OF ITS FIRMS TO EXPOSE ITSELF TO SERIOUS RISKS IN UNDERTAKING WHAT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS ESPIONAGE. THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT REVIEW THE NEED FOR THE INFORMATION AND ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF OBTAINING IT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SEOUL 03286 220416Z

2. WHILE KOREAN CULTURAL TRAITS OF COURTESY AND GOODWILL TOWARD THE U.S. PREDISPOSE KMIDC TO AGREE TO PROVIDE U.S. REGFISHATT WITH DESIRED INFORMATION, NMFS HAS FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE (UNDER THE US/ROK FISHERY AGREEMENTS) IN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE CATCH DATA FROM KOREAN VESSELS ON THEIR OWN CATCHES. USG ITSELF MUST BOARD OR PUT INSPECTORS ABOARD FOREIGN

FISHING VESSELS TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION. HENCE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE THAT KMIDC WOULD REPORT RELIABLY ON WHAT KIND OF CATCHES CUBAN TRAWLERS ARE TAKING, OR LEARN WHAT LICENSES OR FEES TO ANGOLA MIGHT BE OR WHERE AND FOR WHAT PRICES THEIR CATCH MIGHT BE MARKETING.

3. ASSUMING THAT KOREAN FISHERMEN COULD OBTAIN RELIABLE DATA, THEY WOULD INEVITABLY BECOME CONSPICUOUS AS THEY MUST RELY ON SHIP TO SHORE RADIO TRANSMISSION TO LAS PALMAS. SOME WEST AFRICAN STATES RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA AND IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT ROK VESSEL TRANSMISSIONS ARE OPEN TO MONITORING. ROK VESSELS CAN NOW OPERATE IN THE AMBIVALENT POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE MAURITANIAN FISHERY BECAUSE GOM OFFICIALS CHOOSE TO SEE THEM AS "PANAMANIAN". HOWEVER, THAT MODUS VIVENDI AND OTHER MIGHT FALL VICTIM TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES CHARGES THAT ROK VESSELS WERE ENGAGING IN "ESPIONAGE FOR THE USG".

4. IF STATE AGREES WITH ABOVE, WE REQUEST THAT NMFS CONSIDER SEEKING INFORMATION FROM SOURCES WHICH CAN MORE RELIABLY AND SAFELY PROVIDE IT.

5. AT EMBASSY REQUEST, TOKYO RFA DID NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT TO KOREA.
SNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FISHERIES, DATA, INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 22-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977SEOUL03286
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770141-0087
Format: TEL
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770428/aaaaayaz.tel
Line Count: 88
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f8168ea0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION COME
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 70238
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2720581
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CUBAN FISHERY OFF AFRICA
TAGS: EFIS, PINR, CU, US, KS, XA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f8168ea0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009